Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : How many students have been admitted ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Twenty.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is any guarantee of appointment for these students ?

Mr C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir.

Alleppey-Changanachery canal.

27. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any idea to complete the Alleppey-Changanachery canal in the near future ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : Do the Government realise that there is real necessity for the canal ?

President : The answer says that the matter is under consideration. The consideration not having terminated, it is not possible for the Government member to give a definite answer to the supplementary question.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What is the total length of the canal ?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott : 18 miles, I think.

Mr. M N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know the extent that has been completed ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : 2 portions, 2,501 feet and 1,575 feet in length, connecting the adjoining *kayala* and rivers, have been completed.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar (*Ambalapuzha*) : What is the portion that has yet to be done ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : About 7,300 feet.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Why was it not completed last year ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Government wanted the ryots to give the land required for the purpose free of cost, but the ryots refused to do so.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When was the work suspended ?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott : In 1106.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Are we to take it that, if the ryots refuse to give the land free of compensation, the money hitherto spent should be treated as waste ?

Mr. G. B E. Truscott : Presumably, yes.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran (*Nominated*) : Have the Government been maintaining the completed portion of the canal ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No.

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